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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN FRG-ROMANIAN RELATIONS

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1. FRICTION BETWEEN FRG AND GOR HAS BECOME MORE PUBLIC IN WAKE OF DAMAGES ASSESSED OVER FRG BUSINESSMAN (REF A) AND OF BERLIN CLAUSE DISAGREEMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG DCM, BONN HAS TAKEN A SERIOUS ENOUGH VIEW OF BUSINESSMAN'S INCIDENT TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL A NUMBER OF BILATERAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY (INVITATIONS FOR CEREMONY IN BONN MARCH 20 HAD TO BE RECALLED) AND MARKETING COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES. DIE WELT LAST WEEK ALLEGEDLY MADE FIRST PUBLIC REVELATION OF THESE STEPS (FOR BONN: PLEASE AIR POUCH COPY OF ARTICLE).

3. ROMANIAN CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 23-24 CARRIES LEAD ARTICLES DENOUNCING WEST GERMAN PRESS FOR ALLEGEDLY "TENDENTIOUS"
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REPORTING ABOUT BERLIN CLAUSE AS STICKING POINT IN TRIBOLOGY

AGREEMENT. REFERRING TO ROMANIA'S DETERMINATION TO REJECT "INTERFERENCE OR PRESSURE" AND "ARTIFICIAL OBSTACLES", PRESS CLAIMS FRG INTRODUCED "NEW SUPPLEMENTAL DEMANDS", INCONSISTENT WITH QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, WHICH GOR COULD NOT ACCEPT. ALSO FAULTS FRG, IMPLICITLY, FOR BREAKING UNDERSTANDING ON INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN TO PRESS. HOWEVER, ARTICLES PUT GOR-FRG RELATIONS IN FAVORABLE LONG-TERM CONTEXT AND STRIKE UPBEAT NOTE FOR FUTURE.

4. FRG EMBOFFS HAVE GIVEN US HINTS THAT WEST GERMAN FIRMS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN CASE OF MINISTER FOR MACHINE-BUILDING ACTARIAN, JUST EXPELLED FROM RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH SKIRT-CHASING HAS BEEN HIS MOST OFTEN RUMORED SIN, POSSIBLE CORRUPTION INVOLVING FOREIGN FIRMS WOULD ADD YET MORE FRICTION TO TROUBLED BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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